



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 5, 2016*

SB 648 Senator Mathias

HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR DIGITAL TOMOSYNTHESIS

Establishing that a specified coverage requirement that applies to specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations includes coverage for digital tomosynthesis under specified circumstances; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2017; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 15-814 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 649 Senator Astle

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT FOR DRAFT BEER

Authorizing the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the City of Annapolis to issue a refillable container permit for draft beer to a holder of a Class E license; providing an annual permit fee of \$50 for an applicant whose license has an off-sale privilege and \$500 for an applicant whose license does not have an off-sale privilege.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 10-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 650 Senator Bates**PREVAILING WAGE – BASIS FOR RATE DETERMINATION – SURVEY DATA**

Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry from considering specified wage information from specified projects when making specified annual prevailing wage rate determinations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 17-209 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 651 Senator Bates**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – VIRTUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES – SURVEY AND REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to conduct a survey of the county boards of education to make a specified determination about the use of virtual learning opportunities for students across the State; and requiring the Department to develop and adopt specified guidelines and policies regarding the utilization of virtual learning opportunities for all students in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 652 Senators Norman and Cassilly**PUBLIC SAFETY – RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IDENTIFICATION CARD – FAILURE TO ISSUE**

Establishing that, to be qualified for a specified retired officer identification card, a retired law enforcement officer be entitled to receive a pension or other retirement allowance; authorizing a retired law enforcement officer to file a civil action against a specified law enforcement agency for failure to issue a retired law enforcement officer identification card; authorizing the retired law enforcement officer to seek specified statutory damages in addition to specified relief; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-513 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 653 Senators Norman and Astle**PUBLIC SAFETY – KNIFE RESTRICTIONS – STATE PREEMPTION**

Establishing that the State preempts the right of a county, municipal corporation, or special taxing district to regulate the purchase, sale, taxation, transfer, manufacture, repair, possession, and transportation of a knife; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 4-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 654 Senator Salling, et al**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority to include specified members of the General Assembly as nonvoting members of the Authority serving in an advisory capacity only; specifying criteria concerning the appointment, tenure, and compensation of the legislative members of the Authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 655 Senator Salling, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – QUALIFIED MARYLAND TOLL EXPENSES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for specified tolls paid through the use of the E-ZPass Maryland program; providing the subtraction modification does not apply unless the amount of qualified toll expenses incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year equals or exceeds \$300; requiring a taxpayer to submit specified documentation to qualify for the subtraction modification; defining specified terms; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-208(v) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 656 Senator Salling, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DEATH PENALTY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

Providing that a person who is convicted of first-degree murder may be sentenced to death under specified circumstances; providing that the murder of a law enforcement officer or a first responder under specified circumstances constitutes aggravating circumstances that the court or jury must consider in making a determination as to the imposition of the death penalty; establishing procedures for the imposition of the death penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CS, CJ, CP, CR, HG, and TR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 657 Senator Benson**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CELL PHONE USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of Cell Phone Use in Public Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation and authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study, assess, and consider specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report findings and recommendations, as specified, to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 658 Senator Benson**RETAIL BUSINESS OWNERS – AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES – NOTICE OF SKIMMING DEVICE**

Requiring the owner of a retail business with an automated teller machine located on the premises of the business who has knowledge of an illegal skimming device installed on or near the automated teller machine to post a notice warning customers of the automated teller machine that it has an illegal skimming device installed on or near it and to keep the notice posted until the device is removed by an appropriate entity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 19-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 659 **Senator Salling, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Altering the maximum rate of the admissions tax that a county or municipal corporation may set for gross receipts that are also subject to the sales and use tax; altering the rate of the sales and use tax from 6% to 5%; altering the percentage of gross receipts from vending machine sales to which the sales and use tax rate applies from 94.5% to 95.25%; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, §§ 4-105(b), 11-104(a), (b), (g), (h)(2), and (i), and 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 660 **Senator Salling, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for State income tax purposes; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 661 **Senator Benson, et al****HOSPITALS – PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a specified patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide specified patients with a translator or an interpreter to provide specified assistance to the patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient’s bill of rights in specified areas of the hospital; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-342 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 662 Senator Benson, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY**

Requiring specified health benefit plans and specified carriers to provide a special enrollment period during which specified individuals who become pregnant may enroll in a health benefit plan; establishing the duration of the special enrollment period; establishing specified effective dates of coverage for specified individuals enrolled in specified health benefit plans during the special enrollment period; applying the Act to all health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on and after January 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

IN, § 15-1201(j) - added and §§ 15-1208.1(c), (e), and (f) and 15-1316 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 663 Senator Benson, et al**COMMERCIAL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS – PROHIBITED ACTS (COMPANION ANIMAL WELFARE ACT)**

Prohibiting the sale, transfer, offer to sell or transfer, barter, trade, or auction of dogs and cats at specified locations; authorizing specified animal control officers and specified officers of specified societies or associations to enforce specified provisions of the Act; altering the number of years that a retail pet store is required to maintain specified records; making specified violations of specified provisions of the Act an unfair and deceptive trade practice subject to specified enforcement and civil penalty provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

BR, §§ 19-104 and 19-702.1 - added and §§ 19-701, 19-702, 19-703, 19-706, and 19-707 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 664 **Senator Benson, et al****FAIR SCHEDULING, WAGES, AND BENEFITS ACT**

Requiring an employer to provide specified employees with specified estimates and work schedules within specified time periods and notify employees of specified changes; prohibiting an employer, except under specified circumstances, from requiring an employee to work specified hours; authorizing an employer to make specified changes to a scheduled shift within a specified period of time; requiring an employer, except under specified circumstances, to pay specified predictability pay under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(k) and 3-1301 through 3-1313 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 665 **Senator Lee, et al****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORT SECURITY FREEZES – PROHIBITION ON FEES AND REQUIRED NOTICES**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from charging a consumer a fee for placing a security freeze, or for the first two temporary lifts of a security freeze in a calendar year, if the consumer has received a notice of a breach of the security of a system under specified provisions of State law or from or on behalf of a federal agency, and provides a copy of the notice to the consumer reporting agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-1212.1(i) and (j) and 14-3504(g) and SG, § 10-1305(g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 666 Senator Lee, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS**

Authorizing a motor vehicle dealer to disclose to a consumer the terms and conditions of any motor vehicle manufacturer warranty adjustment program of which the dealer has knowledge and to make any necessary repairs under the adjustment program; prohibiting a manufacturer from retaliating against specified persons because the persons exercise specified rights or assert specified protections, and making a violation an unfair or deceptive trade practice subject to specified penalty and enforcement provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, § 14-1402(c) - amended and §§ 14-14A-01 through 14-14A-03 - added and TR, Various Sections - amended and § 15-207(1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 667 Senator Simonaire, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – PERMIT TO WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A HANDGUN – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL**

Altering the time period in which a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun expires to be 5 years after the issuance; and altering the time period for renewal of a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun to 5 years after the last renewal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 668 Senator Simonaire**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – LAKE SHORE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lake Shore Athletic Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lake Shore Athletic Association facilities, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 669 Senator Simonaire, et al**REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS – TENURE
IN OFFICE – REVISION**

Repealing the requirement that the tenure in office of a member of the Republican Party Central Committee begin on the 14th day following the gubernatorial general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 4-202(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 670 Senator Kasemeyer**HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONTINUING
CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY LICENSE**

Creating in Howard County an exception to the alcoholic beverages license application or renewal requirements for a Class C (continuing care retirement community) beer, wine, and liquor license issued to a nonprofit organization; requiring that the license be applied for and issued to a manager or supervisor and two officers under specified circumstances; and allowing residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community that holds the license to consume beer, wine, or liquor not purchased from the community; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 23-1404(a) and 23-2704 - amended and § 23-1404(d) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 671 Senator Muse, et al**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL AND INVESTIGATORY
RECORDS – FORMAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

Establishing that a person who has made a formal complaint against a governmental unit or an employee is a person in interest under the Public Information Act; establishing that records related to a formal complaint of job-related misconduct against a public employee are not personnel records under the Public Information Act; and authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of specified records connected with a complaint of job-related misconduct.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, §§ 4-101(g), 4-311, and 4-351 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 672 Senator DeGrange**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOUSE AND CONCESSION STAND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the athletic field house and concession stand at Glen Burnie High School, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 673 Senator DeGrange**PROPERTY TAX – PUBLIC LAND AND PUBLIC USE – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from property tax for the interest of a person in property that is located on property owned by the federal government, the State, a county, a municipal corporation, or an agency or instrumentality of the federal government, the State, a county, or a municipal corporation and used for a public purpose; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, 7-211(i) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 674 Senator Peters, et al**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES**

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2018, the amounts county boards of education are required to pay for specified employer contributions for specified members of the Teachers' Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension System; and making specified provisions of the Act subject to specified contingencies.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-304(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 675 Senator Peters**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – AMERICAN LEGION POST 381 ANNEX**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to HWV Enterprises, LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a building for the American Legion Post 381 Annex; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 676 Senator Kasemeyer, et al**COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2016**

Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to adopt procedures for a State contribution program; authorizing a State contribution to an investment account under specified circumstances; requiring the State to provide a specified contribution to specified investment accounts under specified circumstances; authorizing a State income tax credit for specified individuals with specified student loan debt; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and TG, § 10-208(o) - amended and § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 677 Carroll County Senators**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – BEGINNING HOUR OF SALE**

Changing to 8 a.m. the beginning hour of sale for specified alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Carroll County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 16-2004 and 16-2005 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 678 Senator Eckardt**STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – PETS ON PREMISES OF BEAUTY SALONS – AUTHORIZED**

Authorizing a beauty salon permit holder to allow dogs and other pets on the premises of the beauty salon in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Cosmetologists; prohibiting a Board inspector from issuing a citation for the presence of an animal in a beauty salon unless the beauty salon permit holder violates specified regulations; authorizing the Board to establish a specified civil penalty only in accordance with specified regulations; and requiring the Board to adopt specified regulations on or before October 1, 2017.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BOP, § 5-507 - added and § 5-610 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 679 Senator Astle, et al**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – NAIL TECHNICIANS**

Providing that work is not covered employment when performed by a holder of a limited license to provide nail technician services who leases or otherwise agrees to the use of a chair, booth, or space from a holder of a barbershop permit, a beauty salon permit, or an owner–manager permit who operates a barbershop or beauty salon under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LE, § 8-206(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 680 Senator Edwards, et al**BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – INVESTMENT IN QUALIFIED COMPANIES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS**

Providing that the amount of a credit allowed against the State income tax is 75%, not to exceed \$500,000, of the investment in qualified Maryland biotechnology companies located in Allegany, Dorchester, Garrett, or Somerset counties or Baltimore City; applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 10-725(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 681 **Senator Edwards, et al****CYBERSECURITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT – INVESTMENT IN QUALIFIED COMPANIES IN LOW-INCOME AREAS**

Providing that the amount of a credit allowed against the State income tax is 50%, not to exceed \$500,000, of the investment in a qualified Maryland cybersecurity company located in Allegany County, Dorchester County, Garrett County, or Somerset County or Baltimore City; applying the Act to initial tax credit certificates issued after June 30, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TG, § 10-733(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 682 **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES**

Submitting to a referendum of the qualified voters of specified election districts and precincts of election districts in Garrett County the question of whether the holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Garrett County should be authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sundays under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 683 **Senator Edwards****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – GARRETT COUNTY – EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of an emergency operations center, located in Garrett County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 684 Senator Astle**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES**

Prohibiting an affiliate of an electric company from using the electric company's trade name, logo, billing services, mail inserts, advertising, or computer services for a plan or program that provides heating, ventilation, air conditioning, or refrigeration services; requiring the Public Service Commission to determine just and reasonable compensation that an affiliate of an electric company shall provide to customers of the electric company's regulated services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-211(i) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 685 Senator Kagan**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ROCKVILLE SWIM AND FITNESS CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rockville for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the indoor locker rooms at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 686 Senator Kagan**PUBLIC SAFETY – 9–1–1 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM – INFORMATION SHARING (CARL HENN'S LAW)**

Specifying that a purpose of the 9–1–1 emergency telephone system is to establish a specified mechanism for the Emergency Number Systems Board to review specified data; expanding the purpose of the Board to include review of specified data contained in specified reports; requiring the Board to include a general summary of findings from a review of specified reports in an annual report submitted to specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PS, §§ 1-302, 1-306, and 1-307 - amended and § 1-315 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 687 Senator Middleton**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT CONCESSIONAIRE AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Charles County to issue an entertainment concessionaire license to specified persons in conjunction with an entertainment facility; authorizing the Board to issue an entertainment facility license to a person that owns an entertainment facility where video lottery terminals and table games are offered to the public; providing that beer, wine, and liquor sold under either license may be taken and consumed anywhere on the licensed premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 18-1002.1 and 18-1002.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 688 Senator Middleton**TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR STATE PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Establishing the Task Force to Develop a Strategic Plan for State Park Development; providing the purpose of the Task Force is to develop strategic principles and a policy framework for mid- to long-term decisions on the allocation of the funding provided to the State parks; requiring, to the extent practicable, that the composition of the Task Force reflect the gender, racial, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 689 Senator Muse, et al**TASK FORCE ON WORKPLACE BULLYING IN STATE AGENCIES**

Establishing the Task Force on Workplace Bullying in State Agencies; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters related to workplace bullying in State agencies; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified standing committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; terminating the Act after June 30, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Finance

SB 690 Senator Bates**STATE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD AND THE STATE HIGHER EDUCATION LABOR RELATIONS BOARD – ELECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring that an election for exclusive representatives of a State employee bargaining unit be conducted every 4 years; requiring the State Labor Relations Board and the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board to decertify exclusive representatives of a State employee bargaining unit under specified circumstances; requiring the boards to contract with an independent third party specializing in conducting elections to conduct elections for exclusive representatives of State employee bargaining units; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 3-401, 3-405, and 3-406 - amended and § 3-407 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 691 Senator Bates**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROVISION OF LIFE-PRESERVING HEALTH CARE SERVICES (VULNERABLE PROTECTION ACT)**

Prohibiting health care practitioners and health care facilities from denying patients life-preserving health care services requested by a specified person on the basis of a specified view or disagreement; authorizing specified persons to file an action for an injunction in a specified court under specified circumstances; authorizing a health care practitioner, under specified circumstances, to provide specified reasons as a defense to an action filed under a specified provision of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 5-629 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 692 Senator McFadden**BALTIMORE CITY – DEMOLITION PROGRAM FUNDING**

Establishing a Baltimore City Demolition Program; requiring the Stadium Authority to administer the Program in accordance with a specified memorandum of understanding; and requiring the Governor to include \$18,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal years 2017 through 2021 with a specified exception.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, § 10-622.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 693 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOTEL LOBBY LICENSE**

Establishing in Frederick County a hotel lobby license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a hotel that does not have a restaurant; establishing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the bottle to patrons of the hotel for on-premises consumption; providing for the hours of sale; and specifying an annual license fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1007.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 694 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOL AWARENESS PROGRAM – ABSENCE FROM LICENSED PREMISES**

Authorizing in Frederick County an individual certified by an approved alcohol awareness program to be absent from a licensed premises for a personal or business reason under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1903 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 695 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Establishing in Frederick County a beauty salon beer and wine license; requiring that a recipient of the license be a holder of a beauty salon permit; authorizing a license holder to provide beer and wine by the glass for consumption by a customer receiving cosmetology services or when a fund-raising event is held; prohibiting the license from being transferred to another location; specifying a \$100 annual license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1002 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 696 Senators Young and Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ART GALLERY BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue an art gallery beer and wine license to nonprofit and for-profit retail businesses that display and sell original artwork by an individual or a group of artists; prohibiting a specified type of business from being issued the license; specifying that a holder of the license may sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when snacks are served during specified hours; specifying a \$100 license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1001 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 697 Senator Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PURCHASE OF BEER BY RETAIL DEALERS FROM MANUFACTURERS AND WHOLESALERS**

Authorizing a manufacturer or wholesaler in Frederick County to sell beer to a retail dealer using specified payment methods, including cash on delivery, credit extended until the next delivery, escrow accounting, and a specified electronic transfer system.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-501 - amended and § 20-504 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 698 Senator Young, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES AND ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES – TUITION WAIVER**

Establishing the Community College Vocational Certificate and Associate’s Degree Tuition Waiver Program; exempting individuals from the payment of tuition to attend community colleges for which a county has elected to participate in the Program; requiring an individual to pay tuition if the individual does not earn a 2.0 or earns below a “c” grade or its equivalent; requiring the Governor annually to include an appropriation for the Program; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 16-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 699 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – THEATER LICENSE**

Altering the scope of the Maryland Ensemble Theatre alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County so that it may be issued to all theaters with seating for 200 or fewer individuals per performance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 700 **Senator Young****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 LABORATORIES**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify specified biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) laboratories and the location of the laboratories; requiring the Department to collect information from the laboratories relevant to public health and safety; requiring the laboratories to report the information the Department; requiring the Department to report annually the number and location of the laboratories to officials in each local jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 17-701 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 701 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MULTIFAMILY LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of A Step Forward, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction and capital equipping of housing for low-income families, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 702 Senator Nathan–Pulliam**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS – SEMESTER HOUR MAXIMUMS**

Providing that specified public institutions of higher education will satisfy a specified general education program requirement by requiring a specified baccalaureate program to include a minimum of 40 semester hours and not more than 46 semester hours of required core courses; authorizing specified public institutions of higher education to include one additional 3 semester hour course in excess of a specified maximum semester hours amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 15-119 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 703 Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$630,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of MSBC Five Star Program, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Morning Star Family Life Center, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 704 Senator Gladden**CINA GUARDIANSHIP, ADOPTION, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION – BLINDNESS OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN, OR PARTY**

Establishing that, in making a disposition on a child in need of assistance (CINA) petition, the blindness of a child's parent, guardian, or custodian is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on clear and convincing evidence in the record, that the blindness affects the ability of the parent, guardian, or custodian to give proper care and attention to the child and the child's needs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ and FL, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 705 **Senator Currie****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – BISHOP MCNAMARA HIGH SCHOOL DINING HALL AND STUDENT CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Bishop McNamara High School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the dining facilities and a new student center at Bishop McNamara High School, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 706 **Senator DeGrange, et al****MARYLAND EDUCATION CREDIT**

Providing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to administer the tax credit; requiring specified entities to submit an application to be a student assistance organization on or before December 1 each year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-306(g), and 10-737 - added and EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 707 Senator Middleton**FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF NEED, RATES, AND DEFINITION**

Exempting from the certificate of need requirements for change of scope or capital expenditures the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility, in accordance with specified requirements; altering the requirements for a public informational hearing for a hospital that files a notice of its proposed closing; requiring a hospital to hold a public informational hearing if the hospital requests an exemption from certificate of need requirements to convert to a freestanding medical facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, Various Sections - amended and § 19-120(k)(6)(x) and (o) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 708 Senators Ramirez and Raskin**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVERS’ EDUCATION SCHOOLS AND INSTRUCTORS**

Authorizing a drivers’ school to have multiple driver education instructor trainers; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to establish an annual training schedule for driver education instructor trainers; requiring the Administration to provide written notice to a drivers’ school, driving instructor license holder, or applicant before imposing administrative penalties; authorizing a licensee to provide required documents electronically in a searchable format to the Administration; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 15-709, 15-710, and 15-807 - amended and §§ 15-711 and 15-808 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 709 Senator Ramirez, et al**COURTS – CONCEALMENT OF PUBLIC HAZARDS (SUNSHINE IN LITIGATION ACT)**

Prohibiting a court from entering an order or a judgment that conceals information related to a public hazard; providing that confidentiality provisions that conceal information related to a public hazard are unenforceable; providing that a substantially affected person, including news media, has standing to contest an order, a judgment, an agreement, or a contract that violates the Act; providing that a person with standing may bring an action for declaratory judgment to contest a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 6-412 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 710 Senator Ramirez**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ELIZABETH SETON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$30,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Elizabeth Seton High School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping related to the Elizabeth Seton High School athletic field, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 711 Senator Manno, et al**PREVAILING WAGE RATES REFORM ACT OF 2016**

Expanding the applicability of the prevailing wage rate law to political subdivisions, agencies, and public works on property where the State, a political subdivision, or an agency is the owner or lessee by altering the definition of “public body”; providing that the prevailing wage rate law applies to public work contracts greater than \$25,000; requiring that prevailing wage rates be calculated using wage rates established by specified collective bargaining agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, §§ 17-201, 17-202(b), 17-208, 17-209, 17-214, 17-219, 17-220(d), 17-222, 17-224, and 17-226 - amended and § 17-224.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 712 Senator Pugh, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NONVIOLENT FELONIES – STET, SHIELDING, AND EXPUNGEMENT**

Requiring a court to dispose of a charge for a nonviolent felony by stet if the court finds that the disposition is in the interest of justice; authorizing a person to file a petition to shield a conviction for a nonviolent felony in accordance with specified provisions of law no earlier than 3 years after the person satisfies specified requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, §§ 10-401 through 10-404 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 713 Senators Muse and Nathan–Pulliam**STATE GOVERNMENT – ROGER BROOKE TANEY STATUE – REMOVAL AND STORAGE**

Requiring the Commission on Artistic Property, on or before December 31, 2016, to remove the Roger Brooke Taney statue from the grounds of the State House and store the statue at the Maryland State Archives.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 714 Cecil County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CECIL COUNTY – YMCA OF CECIL COUNTY OUTDOOR POOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Cecil County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of an outdoor pool for the YMCA of Cecil County, located in Cecil County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 715 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – MARRIAGE LICENSES – APPLICATIONS**

Repealing the requirement that, in Cecil County, both parties to be married appear together before the clerk to apply for a marriage license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 2-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 716 Cecil County Senators**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE POLICE – CECIL COUNTY**

Authorizing a specified commanding officer to designate to the Sheriff of Cecil County up to 20 individuals who are members of fire or ambulance companies to serve as fire police in Cecil County; authorizing the Sheriff of Cecil County to appoint specified individuals to serve as fire police in Cecil County; providing that specified powers are granted to individuals appointed to serve as fire police in Cecil County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 7-302(a), 7-303(a) and (b), and 7-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 717 Senator Young**ENVIRONMENT – RADIATION MACHINES – REGISTRATION FEES AND INSPECTIONS**

Requiring the fee schedule adopted by the Department of the Environment for the registration of radiation machines and other sources of radiation to be uniform within specified classes of radiation sources; repealing provisions of law that, for radiation machines in dental offices or facilities, establish specified maximum registration fees, require the reduction of or exemption from specified fees under specified circumstances, and provide for the remediation of a violation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 718 Senator Young**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY
– REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS**

Requiring that a real estate appraiser engaged by the State Highway Administration to assist in determining the fair value of specified property to be acquired under specified procedures and specified compensation be licensed and certified in accordance with State law and a resident of the State with preference being given to an appraiser who resides in the area where the property being appraised is located.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-320 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 719 Senator Young**ENVIRONMENT – STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEES –
MUNICIPALITIES**

Authorizing a municipality to charge a stormwater remediation fee to property owned by the State, a unit of State government, a county, or an institution of higher education that is located within the municipality under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, § 4-202.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 720 Senator Young**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – FREDERICK
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DENTAL CLINIC**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Frederick Memorial Hospital, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Frederick Memorial Hospital Dental Clinic, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 721 Senator Young**CRIMES – SALE OR PURCHASE OF HUMAN REMAINS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly offering to purchase or sell, purchasing or selling, or otherwise transferring human remains for valuable consideration; providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 10-405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 722 Senator Young**CRIMES RELATED TO ANIMALS – PENALTIES – MANDATORY REPORTING**

Increasing the penalties for specified crimes related to animals; authorizing a court, as a condition of probation, to prohibit a specified defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal; requiring as a condition of probation the court to prohibit a specified defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal; requiring a veterinarian who has reason to believe that an animal that has been treated by the veterinarian has been subjected to abuse or neglect to make a specified report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 10-604, 10-605, 10-606, 10-607, 10-608, 10-610, and 10-623 - amended and § 10-626 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 723 Senator Young**CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY – ENTERING A PROPERTY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE OR MEDICAL CARE**

Providing immunity from civil liability for a first responder for any act undertaken when entering a property or gaining access to a property in order to provide emergency assistance or medical care in response to a 9–1–1 call provided the act is not one of gross negligence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 724 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE

Adding a new article to the Annotated Code of Maryland, to be designated and known as the “Alcoholic Beverages Article”, to revise, restate, and recodify the laws of the State relating to the regulation and control of the manufacture, sale, distribution, transportation, and storage of alcoholic beverages by the State and specified jurisdictions in the State, the establishment of boards of license commissioners in specified jurisdictions, and the establishment of liquor control boards and departments of liquor control; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B - repealed and AB, §§ 1-101 through 33-2802 - added, repealed, and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 725 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CROSS-REFERENCES AND CORRECTIONS

Correcting specified cross-references to the Alcoholic Beverages Article in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Various Sections of Various Articles - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 726 Senator Mathias, et al

MARYLAND CLEAN ENERGY CENTER – CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

Expanding findings of the General Assembly concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center; expanding the purposes of the Center; altering the membership of the Board of Directors of the Center; requiring the Center to establish a Credit Investment Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations for qualifying project applicants; altering the authority of the Center to provide financing for clean energy technology-based businesses; establishing a Clean Energy Technology Financing Fund in the Center for specified purposes; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, Various Sections and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended and EC, § 10-817.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 727 Senator Currie**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MT. EPHRAIM MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Mt. Ephraim Community Non-Profit Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Mt. Ephraim Multipurpose Room, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 728 Senators Mathias and Edwards**INCOME TAX CREDIT – NEW DWELLINGS – AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

Allowing a record owner of a specified new dwelling to claim a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$1.25 for each square foot of the new dwelling if a specified automatic fire sprinkler system is installed in the new dwelling; requiring the State Fire Marshal to approve applications for the credit in a specified manner; limiting the total amount of credits that may be approved to \$1,000,000 in any taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 729 Senator Hershey, et al**MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of the Eastern Shore counties or individuals who have outstanding warrants from an Eastern Shore county; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 730 Senator Norman**VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS**

Prohibiting a motor vehicle manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch from prohibiting or taking specified punitive action against a motor vehicle dealer for providing specified notice to a customer or performing specified repairs on a motor vehicle under specified circumstances; and requiring a dealer that sells at retail a used motor vehicle that is subject to a recall under federal law to provide to the buyer a specified disclosure in a specified manner under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 15-212(c)(12) - added and § 15-311 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 731 Senator Norman**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HARFORD COUNTY – ABERDEEN B&O RAILROAD STATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Aberdeen B&O Railroad Station, located in Harford County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 732 Senator Norman**CIVIL PENALTIES FOR SHOPLIFTING AND EMPLOYEE THEFT**

Altering requirements for specified demand letters relating to alleged acts of shoplifting or employee theft; providing that a responsible person who prevails in a specified civil action is entitled to an award of court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, under specified circumstances; requiring a court to reduce the amount of restitution awarded in a specified criminal proceeding by an amount equal to specified damages and civil penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-1303, 3-1305, and 3-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 733 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Increasing from 33% to 38% the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the Cecil County facility that are paid to the video lottery operation licensee of the facility; requiring that 2% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the facility be spent on specified marketing, advertising, and promotion costs and capital improvements at the video lottery facility as a condition of receiving additional proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SG, § 9-1A-27(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 734 The President, et al**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS – TRANSFERS**

Making legislative findings and declarations that it is necessary to regulate transfers of structured settlement payment rights to ensure that the transfers are effectuated on fair and reasonable terms and are in the best interest of payees, and to protect payees against deceptive practices; requiring an application for a transfer of structured settlement payment rights to be filed in a specified court; authorizing the Attorney General to adopt and enforce specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 5-1101(c), 5-1102, and 5-1103(a) - amended and §§ 5-1101.1 and 5-1106 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 735 Senator Serafini, et al**INCOME TAX – FLAT TAX**

Altering the State individual income tax rate to 3.9% for individuals or spouses filing joint returns with federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$30,000; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 736 **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY SALES
FOR CLASS A LICENSES**

Authorizing a holder of a Class A beer license, a Class A beer and light wine license, or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to sell specified alcoholic beverages during specified hours under specified circumstances in Allegany County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a 2-day Sunday sales permit to holders of specified licenses under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, §§ 9-2002(a), 9-2003(a), and 9-2004(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 737 **Senator Edwards, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AND ONE MARYLAND TAX CREDIT**

Establishing the Rural Economic Development Program to encourage businesses to locate and expand in the rural counties of the State; providing that for 10 taxable years after a business is designated as a qualified business under the Program the business is eligible for a specified property tax exemption, income tax subtraction modification, and sales and use tax exemption; establishing the Rural Economic Development Program Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to be used to make grants to specified counties; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EC, TG, TP, and SF, Various Sections - added and EC, TG, and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 738 **Senator Edwards, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND ONE MARYLAND TAX CREDIT**

Establishing the Maryland Economic Development Program to encourage businesses to locate and expand in the State; providing that for 10 taxable years after a business is designated as a qualified business under the Program the business is eligible for a specified property tax exemption, income tax subtraction modification, and sales and use tax exemption; establishing the Rural Economic Development Program Infrastructure Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to be used to make grants to specified counties; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EC, TG, TP, and SF, Various Sections - added and EC, TG, and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 739 **Senator Conway, et al****INTEGRATED COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY REPORTING PROGRAM**

Establishing the integrated community oncology reporting program; establishing the purpose of the program; requiring the program to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Commission, to adopt regulations to implement the program; establishing requirements for the regulations; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HO, §§ 1-301(l) and 1-302(d)(10) and (11) - amended and §§ 1-301(l), (m), (n), and (o), 1-302(d)(12), and 1-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 740 Senator Muse**BUSINESS REGULATION – MARKETING SYNTHETIC DRUGS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person issued a specified license from possessing, providing, distributing, displaying, selling, or marketing a specified synthetic drug with the intent that it be used as a recreational drug; providing specified factors to be treated as indicia that a product is a specified synthetic drug; providing that specified proof is prima facie evidence of a violation of the Act; requiring that a specified person must permit the Comptroller to inspect specified records and products; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, §§ 17-20B-01 through 17-20B-06 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 741 Senator Muse**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT**

Providing that a person is entitled to expungement of an invalidated arrest warrant for the person's arrest and associated police records; authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement no earlier than 10 years after the person was convicted of a misdemeanor; prohibiting the filing of a petition for expungement based on a probation before judgment earlier than the date the petitioner was discharged from probation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-103.2 - added and CP, §§ 10-105 and 10-109 and PS, § 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 742 Senator Muse, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – IMITATION FIREARMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the manufacture, sale, offer of sale, or commercial transfer of an imitation firearm; establishing civil penalties; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action to enjoin a violation of the Act; and authorizing a circuit court to enjoin a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PS, §§ 5-601 through 5-603 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 743 Senator Serafini**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – DOEY’S HOUSE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Hospice of Washington County, Inc. the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the hospice facility named Doey’s House, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 744 Senator Serafini**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – THE MARYLAND THEATRE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Theatre Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Maryland Theatre, located in Washington County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 745 Senator Muse, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Establishing the Law Enforcement Explorer Program Fund to be used to make specified grants to local law enforcement agencies for law enforcement explorer programs; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; requiring the Governor, each fiscal year, to make specified appropriations to the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish a grant application procedure; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PS, §§ 4-601 through 4-604 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 746 Senator Ready, et al**CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE**

Creating in Carroll County a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) tasting license; specifying that the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; authorizing the license holder to allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor for tasting under specified circumstances; requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to specified individuals; establishing an annual license fee of \$150 in addition to the cost of a BWL license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 16-308.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 747 Senator Ready, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SMALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING**

Altering the amount of the unrestricted grant provided to small community colleges.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 16-305(f) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 748 Senator Ready**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ACT – APPLICATION**

Extending the date to October 1, 2020, for a specified preliminary plan to be approved and consequently exempted from specified provisions of the Sustainable Growth and Agricultural Preservation Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EN, § 9-206(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 749 Senator Ready, et al**PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting, except in specified circumstances, the performance or inducement or attempted performance or inducement of an abortion unless a determination as to the probable age of the unborn child is made by a specified physician; providing that the failure of a physician to perform specified actions is deemed “unprofessional conduct”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-225 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 750 Senator Klausmeier**PORTABLE ELECTRONICS INSURANCE – COMPENSATION OF VENDOR EMPLOYEES – REPEAL OF SUNSET AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the termination of a provision of law authorizing the employees of a vendor or authorized representative of a vendor of portable electronics insurance to be compensated in a specified manner; and repealing a requirement that the Maryland Insurance Administration keep track of specified complaints, make a specified determination, and, on or before January 1, 2017, make a specified report to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Chapter 525 of the Acts of 2013, § 4 - repealed and § 5 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 751 Senator Klausmeier, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLE COMPANIES – RIGHT OF SUBROGATION**

Establishing that a rental vehicle company or its designee has a specified right of subrogation against specified persons for specified claims paid by the rental vehicle company or the designee that arose out of the use or operation of the rental vehicle; requiring a rental vehicle company that receives a third-party claim to provide a specified notice; authorizing an insurer to assume the handling of a specified claim; requiring a rental vehicle company to handle a claim until a specified insurer assumes the handling; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 18-108(f) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 752 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – POLICY CONCERNING
SOUND BARRIERS ALONG HIGHWAYS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration, in collaboration with county governing bodies, to develop and adopt by regulation a policy concerning sound barriers along highways in the State; requiring the Administration to conduct a specified study concerning sound barriers along highways in the State and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly; defining a term; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 8-657 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 753 **Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH – SALE OF FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL –
REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Repealing a specified provision of law that provided that a confectionary food product is adulterated if it contains any alcohol in excess of a specified percent by volume or any alcohol derived from anything but flavoring extracts; prohibiting specified provisions of law from being construed to prohibit the addition of alcohol to a food product, including a confectionery and a frozen dessert; prohibiting the sale of a food product that contains more than a specified percent of alcohol per volume to specified individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HG, § 21-209 - amended and § 21-214 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 754 **Senator Raskin, et al****OPEN MEETINGS ACT – ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT, ENFORCEMENT, AND TRAINING**

Authorizing the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board under specified circumstances to issue specified orders and impose specified civil penalties not to exceed specified amounts; altering the annual reporting requirement of the Board to require that specified data on complaints and violations be reported; expanding the scope of the training requirements under the Open Meetings Act to include all officers of a public body; requiring a public body to report specified open meetings training information to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, §§ 3-204(e), 3-211, and 3-213 - amended and §§ 3-209 and 3-210 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 755 **Senator Madaleno, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS – FUNDING (FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES ACT)**

Repealing the requirement that the State Board of Education adopt and publish standards for the administration of a subsidized feeding program; requiring the State to be responsible for the student share of the costs of specified meals; prohibiting a county board from charging specified students for any portion of the cost of a meal; altering the calculation for the reimbursement for specified meals to specified county boards of education; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 7-601 through 7-605 and 7-701 through 7-703 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 756 Senator Madaleno, et al**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – BREAKFAST PROGRAM
– SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL ACT)**

Establishing a Breakfast After the Bell Program in the State; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring specified public schools in specified school years to offer breakfast for free to every student using a specified delivery method that meets specified requirements; authorizing specified public schools to determine a specified breakfast delivery model and the time to serve breakfast subject to a specified limitation; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-703 - amended and § 7-705 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 757 Senator Madaleno**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TAXES – ELECTRONIC FILING OF
RETURNS**

Requiring the Comptroller to implement electronic filing of alcoholic beverage tax returns on or before January 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TG, § 5-201 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 758 Senator Madaleno, et al**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM – MINIMUM BENEFIT – STATE
SUPPLEMENT**

Requiring the State to provide a specified supplement to a household that receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 759 **Senator Madaleno (By Request – Tax Credit Evaluation Committee) and Senator Peters**

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT – ALTERATION AND EXTENSION

Altering the definition of “qualified rehabilitation expenditure”, for purposes of the sustainable communities tax credit, to exclude any amounts funded by federal grants; repealing the requirement that the competitive award process for the award of initial credit certificates favor underrepresented jurisdictions; extending the termination of the sustainable communities tax credit from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

SF, § 5A-303 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 760 **Senator Madaleno**

MUNICIPALITIES – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – REGULATIONS GOVERNING WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Requiring specified municipalities to adopt regulations governing deadlines for the filing of declarations of candidacy and ethics forms by write-in candidates in municipal elections; prohibiting regulations adopted under a specified provision of law from setting deadlines that are less than 7 days before a municipal election.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

LG, § 4-108.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 761 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

FARMERS’ RIGHTS ACT

Establishing requirements for the form and content of specified livestock production contracts; establishing that contract producers have specified rights; prohibiting specified contractors from engaging in or allowing their employees or agents to engage in specified practices; establishing specified civil and criminal penalties for violation of the Act; providing for enforcement of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 24-101 through 24-901 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 762 Senator Raskin**POTOMAC COMPACT FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION**

Establishing the Potomac Compact for Fair Representation; providing that a party state is not required to comply with the Compact under specified circumstances; establishing the Independent Congressional Districting Commission; requiring the Commission to consider the adoption of a specified Congressional districting plan for a party state, draw and adopt a specified congressional districting plan for a party state before a specified deadline, operate in a specified manner, and solicit public feedback; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-06 - added and § 8-701 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 763 Senator Raskin**MANSLAUGHTER AND HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL**

Increasing specified penalties for the crimes of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel, homicide by vehicle or vessel while under the influence of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol per se, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by alcohol, homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by drugs, and homicide by vehicle or vessel while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 2-209, 2-503, 2-504, 2-505, and 2-506 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 764 Senators Raskin and Rosapepe**EDUCATION – STUDENT JOURNALISTS – FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS**

Authorizing student journalists at public schools and public institutions of higher education to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media; specifying that these freedoms are not limited by the fact that the media is supported financially by the school system, the school, or the institution of higher education, or by use of the facilities of the school or institution; prohibiting the discipline of student journalists and student media advisors who comply with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, §§ 7-121 and 15-119 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 765 Senator Raskin, et al**CINA, GUARDIANSHIP, ADOPTION, CUSTODY, AND VISITATION –
BLINDNESS OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, CUSTODIAN, OR PARTY**

Establishing that, in making a disposition on a child in need of assistance (CINA) petition, the blindness of a child's parent, guardian, or custodian is relevant only to the extent that the court finds, based on clear and convincing evidence in the record, that the blindness affects the ability of the parent, guardian, or custodian to give proper care and attention to the child and the child's needs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ and FL, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 766 Senators Madaleno and Kagan**LOCAL INCOME TAX – OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS –
LOCAL RESERVE ACCOUNT REPAYMENT**

Requiring the Comptroller to pay a county or municipal corporation that receives an underpayment of local income tax revenue a specified amount from the Local Reserve Account; requiring a county or municipal corporation that receives a specified overpayment of local income tax revenue to repay the Local Reserve Account in a specified manner; requiring that a specified determination by the Comptroller be based on a full accounting of the income tax returns for a specified taxable year; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TG, § 2-611 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 767 Senators Mathias and Rosapepe**EDUCATION – BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR – AFTER LABOR DAY**

Prohibiting public schools and publicly funded prekindergarten programs from opening for pupil attendance before the day after Labor Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 768 Senator Peters, et al**JUSTICE REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Establishing the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board; providing for the membership, duties, staffing, procedures, and reporting of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board; establishing the Performance Incentive Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; establishing the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; providing for the membership, duties, staffing, procedures, and reporting of the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-3201 through 9-3212 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 769 Senator Bates**VEHICLE LAWS – TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – CONTINUOUS AUDITS**

Requiring an agency primarily responsible for traffic control at an intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system to implement an auditing system to monitor a traffic control signal monitoring system; requiring that an auditing system that monitors a traffic control signal monitoring system be operated by a specified independent contractor; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TR, §§ 21-202.1(a) and (b) and 21-809(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 770 Senators Bates and Norman**EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – AGRICULTURE SCIENCE**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2018–2019 school year, to implement a specified agriculture science curriculum in at least one public high school in each county or at least one career and technology education center in each county; and requiring that the agriculture science curriculum be selected from existing curricula developed by the State Department of Education or be developed by a county board and approved by the Department.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, § 4-111.3 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 771 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CONSUMER DEBT COLLECTION ACTIONS – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a creditor or a debt collector from initiating or filing a specified consumer debt collection action under specified circumstances; specifying that a specified debt buyer or a specified collector has a specified burden in a specified consumer debt collection action; prohibiting a debt buyer or a specified collector from initiating a specified consumer debt collection action unless the debt buyer or the collector possesses specified documents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 5-1201 through 5-1203 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 772 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – SINGLE-PARTY AND MULTIPLE-PARTY ACCOUNTS – RIGHT TO FUNDS ON DEATH OF A PARTY**

Requiring that funds in a specified account be transferred on the death of a party to the account to the deceased party's estate; requiring that agreement for specified accounts opened on or after October 1, 2016, contain specified provisions; requiring a depository institution, for specified accounts, to give the account party or parties a specified form; requiring that specified materials be given to a party or parties before a depository institution establishes a specified type of account or modifies a specified account; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FI, § 1-204 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 773 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**CONSUMER PROTECTION – DEBT BUYERS AND COLLECTORS – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting a debt buyer or a specified debt collector from collecting or attempting to collect an alleged debt under specified circumstances; prohibiting a debt buyer or a specified collector from filing a civil action or initiating an arbitration or specified legal proceeding under specified circumstances; prohibiting a debt buyer or a specified collector from collecting or attempting to collect specified attorney's fees or specified interest under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-201 through 14-204 - amended and § 14-203 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 774 **Senator Norman****MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOCYCLES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an autocycle is considered to be a motorcycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term “autocycle” to include a motor vehicle manufactured in compliance with federal motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles; establishing specified driver’s licensing requirements for an operator of an autocycle; restricting the course of instruction for motorcycle safety courses to the use and operation of specified motorcycles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 11-103.3 - added and §§ 11-136, 16-104.1, 16-601, 21-1302(d) and (e), 22-412, and 23-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 775 **Senator Simonaire****NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL LICENSE DONATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing a person to purchase and donate specified recreational hunting or fishing licenses and any corresponding stamps for specified purposes; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a donated license or stamp only for use by a disabled veteran, a disabled member of the armed services, or a permanently disabled person who requires the use of a wheelchair; prohibiting the Department from charging a fee for the issuance of a donated license or stamp; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

NR, § 1-405 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 776 Senator Astle**HOTEL RENTAL TAX AND SALES AND USE TAX – LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LODGING**

Imposing the State sales and use tax and specified hotel rental taxes on limited residential lodging transactions booked through a hosting platform; requiring specified hosting platforms to register with the Comptroller and to collect and remit the State sales and use tax and specified limited residential lodging taxes; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the limited residential lodging tax revenue in the same manner as hotel rental tax revenue; applying the Act to limited residential lodgings booked after October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, §§ 20-439 through 20-447 and TG, § 11-101(c-1) and (c-2) - added and TG, § 11-101(a-1) and (a-2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 777 Senators Astle and Hershey**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EXEMPTION FROM COVERED EMPLOYMENT – MESSENGER SERVICE BUSINESS**

Altering the definition of “messenger service business” for purposes of a specified exemption from covered employment for specified unemployment benefits; and specifying that commission includes specified payment arrangements for purposes of the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

LE, § 8-206(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 778 Senator Astle, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION AND REINFORCEMENT**

Authorizing a gas company to defer specified costs for specified projects to extend specified natural gas transmission pipeline, distribution main pipeline, system reinforcement facilities, and associated facilities; specifying the circumstances under which a specified expansion project qualifies for deferral of specified costs; specifying the manner in which a gas company is required to account for specified costs; requiring the Commission to take specified action during a specified base rate proceeding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

PU, §§ 4-211, 4-212, and 4-213 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 779 Senator Rosapepe**LAND USE – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – TRANSIT AND TRAFFIC ADEQUACY STUDIES**

Requiring a local jurisdiction to require that a specified transit adequacy study be prepared for a specified proposed development project if the local jurisdiction also requires that a traffic study be prepared for the proposed development project.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, § 7-105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 780 Senator Rosapepe**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES SURCHARGE – STUDENT HOUSING EXEMPTIONS PG 439–16**

Altering the areas within which multifamily housing designated as student housing is exempt from the Prince George’s County school facilities surcharge; and establishing an exemption from the school facilities surcharge for specified multifamily housing designated as graduate student housing by the City of College Park.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

PLL of Prince George’s Co, Art. 17, § 10-192.01(b)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 781 Senator Rosapepe, et al**EDUCATION – MARYLAND SEAL OF BILITERACY ACT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2017, specified eligible students shall receive the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish specified criteria and requirements on or before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 782 Senator Rosapepe**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – HOLLYWOOD STREETSCAPE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a streetscape in the Hollywood Commercial District, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 783 Senator Rosapepe**HIGHER EDUCATION – ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS – CREDIT-BEARING COURSES (RAISING EDUCATION ATTAINMENT)**

Making a specified exception for a higher education program that has been approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and that is subsequently approved by the Correctional Education Council from specified additional review by the Commission and the governing boards of public institutions of higher education; requiring the Council to adopt regulations for the implementation of a higher education program for inmates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 11-206(a) and 11-206.1 and LE, § 11-902 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 784 Senator Middleton**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION – OPTIONAL COVERAGE**

Requiring specified insurers to offer, instead of provide, motor vehicle liability insurance coverage for specified medical, hospital, and disability benefits; allowing a first named insured to exclude from coverage specified benefits for specified individuals; authorizing specified individuals to recover specified benefits under specified circumstances; requiring an insurer to provide a specified notice to a first named insured under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

IN, § 19-505 and TR, § 17-103 - amended and IN, § 19-506 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 785 Senators Zucker and Middleton**FOSTER YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Requiring the Secretary of Human Resources to develop and implement the Foster Youth Summer Internship Program; requiring the Program to be established in multiple regions of the State; specifying components of the Program; establishing eligibility standards for the Program; requiring the Secretary of Human Resources, in consultation with the Secretary of Budget and Management, to issue a report to committees of the General Assembly; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

HU, § 4-304 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 786 Senator Madaleno**EDUCATION – ASSESSMENTS – BEST PRACTICES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a specified set of best practices that the Department and specified local school systems must consider when deciding whether to administer an assessment or a test to students; requiring the Department and specified local school systems to conduct a specified audit of specified assessments; and encouraging the Department and specified local school systems to apply for specified federal funds to conduct specified audits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 787 Senator Madaleno**EDUCATION – FEDERAL INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENTS PILOT PROGRAM – APPLICATION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to apply to the United States Department of Education to participate in a specified federal pilot program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 788 Senator Ferguson**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUB CRAWL PROMOTER’S PERMITS**

Creating a pub crawl promoter’s permit in Baltimore City; authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a pub crawl promoter’s permit to an applicant who has submitted an application to the Board of License Commissioners no less than a specified number of days before a specified date; requiring specified license holders to sign and date a specified application and pay an application fee of \$50 and a permit fee of \$250; requiring a pub crawl to be held on specified premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 12-1101.1 - added and § 12-2802 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 789 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE REGIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Community Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 790 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 791 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS DENTAL CLINIC**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$17,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Health Care for the Homeless Dental Clinic, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 792 Senator Ferguson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEADENHALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Leadenhall Baptist Church for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Leadenhall Community Outreach Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 793 Senator Cassilly**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – DATA COLLECTION AND USE – PREGNANCY RATES**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to implement a system for collecting data on the total number of abortions performed in the State and using specified data for assessing the overall pregnancy rate and teen pregnancy rate in the State; requiring that the regulations ensure the protection of the confidentiality of specified individuals; and requiring the Department to adopt the regulations on or before December 1, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, § 2-104(p) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 794 **Senator Jennings, et al****EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS – ADMINISTRATION**

Requiring a specified statewide kindergarten assessment to be limited to a random sample of specified kindergarten students from within specified local school systems in the State; authorizing a specified kindergarten assessment to evaluate specified skills; prohibiting specified standardized tests from being administered to specified prekindergarten students; and requiring the State Department of Education to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-208 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 795 **Senator Jennings, et al****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MOVIE THEATER LICENSE**

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) license in Harford County; authorizing the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an owner of a movie theater; specifying that the license entitles the holder to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption; specifying the hours and days of sale; and specifying an annual license fee of \$500.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

AB, § 22-1005.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 796 **Senator Pugh****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – ST. FRANCIS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. Francis Neighborhood Center Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the St. Francis Neighborhood Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 797 Senator Pugh**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SHELTER AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM – MANDATED FUNDING**

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2018 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include \$3,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Shelter and Transitional Housing Facilities Grant Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HS, § 4-216 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 798 Senator Pugh**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LEXINGTON MARKET**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Lexington Market, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Lexington Market, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 799 Senator Pugh**INSURANCE – LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITY CONTRACTS – EXEMPTION FROM STATE INSURANCE LAWS**

Exempting individual life insurance policies and individual annuity contracts delivered or issued for delivery in the State from the insurance laws of the State under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

IN, § 1-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 800 Senator Pugh**COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DISPROPORTIONATE JUSTICE IMPACT ON MINORITIES**

Establishing the Commission to Study the Disproportionate Justice Impact on Minorities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Commission to identify, study, report on, and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Commission to hold at least two public hearings before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 801 Senator Pugh, et al**FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY FOR BALTIMORE CITY RENTERS ACT**

Repealing and adding specified provisions in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City concerning landlord and tenant law and the repossession of premises; requiring a landlord to maintain specified records for payments of rent and other charges; establishing specified procedures for repossession by a landlord when a tenant fails to pay rent when due; requiring a sheriff to serve a specified summons in a specified manner; establishing a specified tenant legal assistance special fund and a \$30 surcharge on the filing of an eviction complaint; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 9-1 through 9-7 - repealed, §§ 9-1 through 9-3 - added, and §§ 9-8, 9-9(d), and 9-14.2(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 802 Senator Pugh**TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE INCENTIVES AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR FOOD DESERTS**

Establishing the Task Force to Examine Incentives and Funding Sources for Food Deserts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 803 Senator Pugh**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – JAMES MOSHER BASEBALL LEAGUE FIELD ENHANCEMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$45,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The James Mosher Associates, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of sports fields for the James Mosher Baseball League, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED *February 5, 2016***SJ 5 Senator Madaleno, et al****CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION – AMENDMENT – REPEAL**

Repealing and withdrawing specified applications to Congress to call a Constitutional Convention; and urging the legislatures of specified other states to take specified actions.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SJ 6**Senator Muse****REINSTATEMENT OF THE SEPARATION OF COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKING FUNCTIONS**

Urging the United States Congress to support efforts to reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking functions in effect under the Glass–Steagall Act and to support H.R. 381 and S. 1709.

Assigned to: Finance

SJ 7**Senator Madaleno****EXTENDING THE LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL**

Urging the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior to expeditiously complete and provide to Congress the Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study and include within the Study a recommendation that the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail be extended to the East; etc.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 5, 2016**SB 511****Senator Waugh****TAXES – SALES AND USE TAX – REPEAL**

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of electricity, fuel, and other utilities used to operate a restaurant.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 543 **Senator Middleton****VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES – CHARLES COUNTY – EXPANSION
AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

Authorizing the awarding of an additional video lottery operation license for a facility in Charles County in a vessel on the Potomac River; specifying that specified proceeds from video lottery terminals and table games at the facility be paid to the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Fund; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, §§ 9-1A-05(a) and (d), 9-1A-24, 9-1A-27, and 9-1A-36(f), (h), (i)(1), (r)(1), and (t) - amended and § 9-1A-30.1 - added

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation